wildlife division has been divided into five ranges. The name and area of these ranges is as follows:

S. No.	Name of the Range	Area in Acres
1.	Rambha Range	7999.27
2.	Tangi Range	520.00
3.	Balugao Range	3852.00
4.	Chilka Range	5829.00
5.	Konark Range	Non forest Range

(b) The details of water fowl census in these ranges during the last five years is as follows:

Year	Chilka	Balugaon	Tangi	Rambha
1998-99	2,204	1233013	12292	186301
1999-2000	85926	1450764	9112	3199
2000-2001	32205	905439	19191	38548
2001-2002	163243	270268	1037312	42695

Construction Activities in Coastal Zone Areas

947. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to relax restrictions on construction activities in the coastal zone areas to permit infrastructural facilities and construction of dwelling units, for local inhabitants of such areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when necessary amendment is likely to be issued to Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A draft amendment to Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991 has been issued *vide* S.O. 51(E) dated 11th January, 2002, inviting comments/suggestions from

public within 60 days from the date of the notification. In the draft notification, *inter-alia,* it has been proposed to—(i) permit construction of certain essential infrastructure facilities required for local inhabitants in Coastal Regulation Zone-III areas on a case by case basis and (ii) reduce the Coastal Regulation Zone to 50m along tidal influenced water bodies in specified stretches for permitting dwelling units to local inhabitants subject to certain conditions. The notification will be finalized after considering the comments/ suggestions received.

Discharge of effluents in sea

948. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that polluting industries along coastal areas in the country are discharging effluents into the sea which has badly affected the fish production;

(b) if so, the details of such industries, State-wise; and

(c) the details of steps which Government propose to take against such industries?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The industrial units located in the coastal areas are required to discharge their effluents in the coastal waters after giving necessary treatment. There are 131 highly polluting industries in the coastal areas of Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Pondicherry, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Orissa. Most of them have provided effluent treatment facilities. Show cause notices have been issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under the Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 against the defaulting units and they have been directed to install pollution control facilities.